

**Town of Foxborough
Conservation Commission Minutes
February 22, 2010**

Members present: Bob Boette (Chairman), Alan Curtis (Vice Chairman), Doug Davis, Judi Johnson and Jim Marsh

Absent: Harold Blomberg and Eric Nelson
Bill Hocking, Temporary Conservation Manager

Also present: Jane Sears Pierce, Conservation Manager

Meeting Opened

Bob Boette opened the meeting, which was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room in Town Hall, at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Frederick Martin, a resident of Dedham, was present to inquire about a parcel of land off East Street (across from Greely's Pond) that abutted Sharon conservation land. He said that he believed that it was an 'ancient site' (Native Americans) and was hoping to prevent any development at the site. He told the Commission that the Wildlands Trust was interested in preserving the site and had asked that it be listed as a parcel of interest in the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan.

The Commissioners looked at Jane's draft of the Open Space and Recreation Plan map and determined that the property was not currently owned by the Town, although it appeared that a large parcel of Conservation Restriction land (associated with a development) was close by. Jane remembered Dave Risch telling her that the area would eventually be developed. She said that she would review her notes to see what he had said about the area. The Commission recommended that she should speak to Greg Meister, Sharon's Conservation Agent, about the property.

Mr. Martin asked if the Commission had maps on a disc that he could buy; he was told that the FCC did not, but that he could call the Town Hall's main line to inquire further.

Continued NOI Hearing, DEP #157-485 (off) East Street, T-Mobile Northeast, LLC

This hearing was opened on 1/11/10, continued to 2/01/10 and then, per applicant's request, continued to tonight. The original NOI had been missing some information, as reviewed at the previous meeting, when the applicant was instructed to revise the NOI.

The FCC received the revised NOI on 2/18/10; the revised plan was received at the end of Jane's work week on 2/17/10. A copy of a letter from the owners (to the applicant's rep with signed NOI page) was received from the applicant today.

The applicant's (T-Mobile) representative, Leo Garneau from Northeastern Consulting Forestry Services, attended the hearing; he had delineated the site's wetlands. He explained that T-Mobile's proposed project included the installation of a cellular telecommunications facility and overhead utilities on National Grid's easement over conservation land.

Mr. Garneau indicated that National Grid will be "renewing" the pole on which they are proposing to place their equipment. In addition, T-Mobile plans to install six utility poles to bring in the power from the street (work to be performed by a cell tower contractor). To minimize disturbance to the site, hay bales will be installed and augers will be used to drill holes for the utility poles. There will be no heavy equipment at installation site; the contractor will be using normal utility pole installation methods. It is expected that the work will take four days to complete; it should take one-half day to install the hay bales.

Jane questioned whether they had removed the reference to mono pole installation on Plan page EC1 as previously instructed and Mr. Garneau reported that they had.

A brief discussion followed concerning how the site would be stabilized after the work was completed. All agreed that the disturbed areas should be loamed and seeded with a native seed mix. Judi specified that no canary reed grass should be in the mix. The Order of Conditions should cite the submitted plan, with a revised sheet EC-1, dated 2/16/10.

Motion was made by Doug Davis to close the hearing for DEP File #157-485. Seconded by Allan Curtis. **Vote: 5:0:0.**

Healthy futures Community Garden, Hockomock Area YMCA

Ethan Keough (Chief Development Officer) and Kimberly Cohen (Senior Wellness Director) met with Commission to discuss a possible collaborative project between the FCC and the YMCA.

Ethan explained that the YMCA is engaged in a national campaign to build healthier communities in response to growing problem with chronic childhood and adult obesity. The YMCA proposes to create a community garden on a tract of FCC conservation land, to grow seasonal vegetables to be used as an educational tool to school-aged children.

There was discussion about potential sites for their project, one of which being the 48 acres of land on Rte. 140, across from the farm stand. Al indicated that this property had a 99 year lease from the State (with 70 to go), adding that the school have playing fields at the far end of the field.

Kimberly explained that she had discussed using the site with Bill and Bob, prior to her recent maternity leave. At that time, Bill had given her a packet of information about the property from the office records. Ethan spoke of a potential model to use in Dartmouth where they are farming only one acre of land, but are growing six tons of produce per year.

The Commission expressed their concerns about the roadway (Rt. 140) being extremely busy. In addition, the dirt roadway leading into the site would need to be improved and the creation of parking areas would need to be addressed.

Jane mentioned the Lane Property, off North Street, as a possible location for the project, citing ample parking, proximity to beautiful hiking trails and excellent soils at that location.

Bob indicated that the Commission is most interested in getting the community involved with their conservation properties, but they will need to read both properties' legal documents to see what use restrictions might occur on the properties.

Kimberly will contact FCC the first of next week to arrange a time to meet with Jane and Bob at the Lane property. Ethan and Kimberly thanked the Commission for their time and left meeting at 8:10.

Documents to be Signed:

Two vouchers, prepared by Judy, were signed.

DEP #157-450 North Street, OoC Extension Permit (Bylaw and State)

Motion was made by Doug Davis to issue a one year Order of Condition Extension Permit and a three year State Order of Conditions Extension Permit for DEP File #157-450. Seconded by Allan Curtis. **Vote: 5:0:0.**

DEP #157-434 67 Green Street, OoC Extension Permit (ByLaw)

Motion was made by Doug Davis to issue a one year Order of Conditions Extension Permit for DEP File #157-434. Seconded by Allen Curtis. **Vote: 5:0:0**

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

Bob, Bill and Jane attended the ZBA's meeting on February 18, since Nadia Estates (40B project) was on the agenda for discussion. In addition to the FCC, many Town departments had submitted comments concerning Nadia Estates. Jane had put together a package for the ZBA Board, which had been placed in the ZBA's mailbox in the Selectmen's office the day before the meeting but unfortunately, the Selectmen's office was locked, so they were unable to collect their mail from the mailbox prior to the meeting. Jane submitted her notes from the meeting for the Commission to review.

The representatives for Nadia Estates apologized for requesting to have the FCC's hearing closed. They stated that they had misunderstood the FCC's intentions.

February 1, 2010 and February 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Allan Curtis to accept the February 1, 2010 and February 10, 2010 minutes as submitted. Seconded by Doug Davis. **Vote 5:0:0**

Motion was made by Allan Curtis to adjourn meeting at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Doug Davis.
Vote: 5:0:0

Draft minutes submitted by: Judy Leahy on 3/8/10

Approved by Commission: 3/8/10